

SENATE BILL 1313  
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,  
Chapter 36, Part 2, relative to service retirement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-206(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language "one and one-half percent (1.5%)" and by substituting instead the language "two percent (2%)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 8-36-212.

(a) Any Group 1 member who retires on a service retirement allowance on or after the attainment of sixty (60) years of age shall receive, in addition to that member's service retirement allowance, a supplemental bridge benefit. The supplemental bridge benefit shall be equal to three fourths of one percent (0.75%) of the member's average final compensation, multiplied by the member's years of creditable service established.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the supplemental bridge benefit shall not exceed twenty-two and one-half percent (22.5%) of the member's average final compensation. Such limit shall not apply to any cost-of-living increases to which the member is entitled under subsection (c).

(c) Any retired member covered by the provisions of this section shall be entitled to receive an adjustment in the retiree's supplemental bridge benefit pursuant to § 8-36-701. Any such adjustment to the bridge benefit shall be computed separately from the member's service retirement allowance.

(d) The provisions of §§ 8-36-102 and 8-36-208(a) shall not be construed to reduce or eliminate the supplemental bridge benefit provided by this section, nor shall the supplemental benefit be reduced as a result of any optional retirement allowance selected by the member pursuant to § 8-36-601.

(e) The supplemental bridge benefit and any cost-of-living adjustments attributable to such benefit shall cease on the first day of the month following the month in which the member dies, or on the first day of the month following the month in which the member reaches the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 401-425), whichever occurs first.

(f) The supplemental bridge benefit provided by this section shall apply to all current and future retired members; provided, that such benefit shall not be paid retroactively, but shall become effective on July 1, 2005 for service covered under subsection (a).

(g) All costs associated with providing the supplemental bridge benefit shall be paid by the respective state agencies and political subdivisions for which the service covered by this section was rendered.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.